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SUBJECT: ROC PLANS FOR EXPORTING TO JAPAN SALMON OF US
ORIGIN

1. ROC FISHING VESSEL TAI CHANG NO. 1 IS EXPECTED TO
SHORTLY CALL AT JAPANESE PORT EN ROUTE TO NORTH PACIFIC
FISHING GROUNDS TO UNLOAD SALMON OF US ORIGIN TAKEN BY
VESSEL IN JULY. VESSEL HAD ORIGINALLY CALLED AT JAPANESE
PORT IN MID-AUGUST ON WAY HOME TO TAIWAN FROM FISHING
GROUNDS BUT WAS PREVENTED BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES FROM UN-
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LOADING SALMON AND JAPANESE NATIONALS SAILING ON VESSEL
WERE ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF JAPANESE DOMESTIC LAW FOR
ILLEGALLY PARTICIPATING IN FISHERY FOR SALMON PROHIBITED
UNDER INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES CONVENTION

TO WHICH JAPAN, CANADA AND US ARE PARTIES.

2. USG HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH GOJ IN SEEKING TO CONTROL PROBLEM AND GOJ PLANS TO TAKE STERN MEASURES TO PREVENT FUTURE INFRACTIONS BY ITS NATIONALS. HOWEVER, GOJ HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT IF TAI CHANG NO. 1 SHOULD HAVE VALID CERTIFICATE OF SHIPMENT (EXPORT PERMIT) ISSUED BY GROC WHEN VESSEL AGAIN CALLS AT JAPANESE PORT, IT CANNOT LEGALLY PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF SALMON. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, IT WILL NOT ONLY PROVE EMBARRASSING TO JAPAN FOR

ACCEPTING SHIPMENT OF SALMON WHICH HER NATIONALS HAVE ILLEGALLY ASSISTED IN CATCHING BUT MAY ALSO EXPOSE JAPAN TO ADDITIONAL SEVERE CRITICISM FROM US PUBLIC SECTOR. ACCORDINGLY, GOJ HAS REQUESTED USG'S ASSISTANCE ON THIS MATTER.

3. FOR TAIPEI: POST IS REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH LANDING IN GOJ OF CATCH TAKEN ILLEGALLY UNDER INPFC AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THE GROC IN NOT ISSUING EXPORT CERTIFICATION OR IN REVOKING SUCH CERTIFICATION IF IT HAS BEEN ISSUED, IF GROC HAS LEGAL AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ASSISTANCE. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES UNUSUAL NATURE OF REQUEST BUT COOPERATION OF GROC IS NECESSARY IN ORDER AVOID CREATING ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES FOR BOTH USG AND GOJ IN HANDLING ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION. EMB MAY ALSO WISH TO NOTE THAT GROC HAS RECENTLY AGREED TO PROHIBIT ITS VESSELS AND NATIONALS FROM ENGAGING IN SALMON FISHERY.

4. FOR TOKYO: PLEASE EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO GOJ IN ACTING SWIFTLY AND STERNLY TO CONTROL PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IT WOULD APPEAR TO USG THAT GOJ CAN PERHAPS TAKE ADDITIONAL STEP TO DIFFUSE PROBLEM BY DISCOURAGING INDUSTRY IN AGREEING TO ACCEPT SHIPMENT OF SALMON. SHOULD INDUSTRY ACCEPT AND MARKET IN JAPAN SALMON WHICH COULD NOT IN FIRST PLACE HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT ILLEGAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAPANESE PARTICIPATION, THIS WILL ONLY SERVE TO INCREASE PROBLEM FOR USG IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM FISHING INDUSTRY CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF CATCH AND WILL INCREASE PUBLIC FEELING AGAINST GOJ FISHERIES IN THE AREA AFFECTED. WE RECOGNIZE, OF COURSE, THAT PROBLEM CAN BE MOST EASILY RESOLVED IF NO EXPORT CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED BY GROC. INGERSOLL

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